

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A thread control device for a textile machine, ~~in particular for a shedding device~~, said thread control device comprising: at least one thread guide member which is moveable in one direction of movement by means of a positively designed drive and in the opposite direction of movement by means of a nonpositive and pneumatically designed return device, the latter having a cylinder/piston assembly, the cylinder chamber of which is connected to a compressed gas source via a valve, wherein the valve has a first valve seat connected to the cylinder chamber and a second valve seat between which a valve member provided with at least one throttle point is moveable, which valve member, in the basic position, is prestressed against the first valve seat by means of a spring, the throttle point being inactive and the valve member shutting off communication with the compressed gas source when the valve member is against the second valve seat.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the valve has a housing, at one end of which the first valve seat is formed.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second valve seat is formed on a closing-off part designed with a passage duct.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the

housing is designed cylindrically, in which the piston-like valve member is guided, sealed off with respect to the housing wall.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a gap between the valve member and the housing wall of the valve serves as a throttle point.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the valve is arranged in the cylinder chamber.

Claim 7. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the valve is arranged in the lowermost point of the cylinder.

Claim 8. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a closing-off part of the valve is connected directly to a feed pressure chamber.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the feed pressure chamber has an oil separation outlet for oil coming from the cylinder chamber.

Claim 10. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the oil separation outlet is arranged on a bottom of the feed pressure chamber.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed claim 10, wherein a connection for compressed air is arranged, at a distance from the bottom of the feed pressure

chamber, on a lateral wall of the feed pressure chamber.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the feed pressure chamber of at least one return device serves as a feed pressure and oil outflow device.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a lower portion of the cylinder serves as a valve housing and has a connection for the compressed gas source.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 13, wherein an annular stop is arranged inside the cylinder and is designed as a first valve seat connected to the cylinder chamber.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the cylinder is closed off by means of the closing-off part, the latter having a sleeve part, the free end of which serves as a second valve seat.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 15, wherein an oil separation outlet is arranged on the closing-off part.

Claim 17. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the switching pressure of the valve can be set by a change in the prestressing force of the spring.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the prestressing force of the spring can be set from outside.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the maximum compression pressure in the cylinder chamber can be set by means of the flow cross section of the throttle point.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The thread control device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the housing is designed cylindrically, in which the piston-like valve member is guided, sealed off with respect to the housing wall.